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INVESTORS LOSE ₹13.30 LAKH CR IN FOUR DAYS OF MARKET CRASH

Falling for the fourth straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex on Monday tanked 953.70 points (1.64%) to settle at 57,145.22. With this, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms tumbled as much as ₹13,30,753.42 crore in four sessions to reach ₹2,70,11,460.11 crore. During the day, the sensitive index plummeted 1,060.68 points or 1.82% to 57,038.24. Maruti, Tata Steel, ITC, Axis Bank, NTPC, Bajaj Finance, IndusInd Bank and Mahindra & Mahindra were the major laggards | P13

Centre asked for entire accounts to be blocked: Twitter to HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

MICRO-BLOGGING site Twitter informed the Karnataka High Court on Monday that the Union government was asking it to block entire accounts of holders rather than just their tweets because of their political content.

Senior counsel for Twitter, Arvind Datar, argued that the micro-blogging site was asked to block entire accounts although Section 69A of the IT Act permitted to only block information through Blocking Orders under the section of the Act.

Besides, about 50-60 per cent of the tweets that the Union government had asked Twitter to block under the orders, were "innocuous" (not harmful or offensive), he said.

He argued that there was no justification in blocking such tweets, and that because of such orders, Twitter's business would be affected.

Datar questioned the legality of the Blocking Orders pertaining to certain tweets on farmers' agitations and alleged mismanagement of Covid-19, asking why it was being ordered to block information when the media could report it.

The High Court was hearing a petition by Twitter against the Central government's orders asking it to block some accounts, URLs and tweets.

President Droupadi Murmu, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot offer flower petals to Goddess Chamundeshwari during the inauguration of Dasara in Mysuru on Monday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Prez wears rich Mysore silk saree made in a day

President Droupadi Murmu arrived in Mysuru draped in a Mysore silk saree with a rich pallu and golden lace that was made in a day at Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation Limited unit in Mysuru. P4

Convoy throws traffic out of gear in B'luru

President Droupadi Murmu's visit added to the Monday blues of Bengalureans, as thousands of motorists were stuck in a traffic gridlock caused due to the restrictions imposed for her convoy. P2

It's Murmu show at Mysuru Dasara

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

IN a first for a President, Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the world-famous Mysuru Dasara by offering petals to the presiding deity Chamundeshwari atop Chamundi Hills on Monday.

Folk troupes welcomed Murmu, who arrived at Chamundi Hills along with CM Basavaraj Bommai, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlor and other dignitaries.

Though the inauguration was set for Vrischika Lagna between 9.45 am to 10.05 am, there was a four-minute delay. After the inauguration, Murmu called Karnataka a land of spirituality that has continued to showcase cultural heritage through Dasara.

She said the state nurtured Jainism and Buddhism, while the Sringeri Mutt too was set up here by Adi Shankarachārya. Lord Basaveshwara, Akka Mahadevi and Allama Prabhu ensured social equality for all sections and promoted humanity, she added.

Basaveshwara's Anubhava Mantapa had people from all castes and religions, and spread the fragrance of equality to the rest of the world. The woman as a symbol of peace, strength and courage has been depicted through Mahishasura Mardini, while Dasara has integrated people from different sections of society. P4,5

EXPRESS READ

Azad floats party, 50% tickets for women, youth

Srinagar: Former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, who quit the party a month ago, on Monday launched his own political outfit Democratic Azad Party. The former J&K CM said that 50 per cent tickets will be given to youth and women. P10

Six students score 100 percentile in CUET-PG

New Delhi: The National Testing Agency on Monday announced results of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-PG, for which over six lakh candidates had registered. "No normalisation of scores" was done for PG exams, officials said. P10

Jha was terminated for misconduct, says IAF

Bengaluru: The IAF has said that the training of Under Trainee Flying Officer Ankit Kumar Jha, who was found dead on Air Force Technical College premises in Jalahalli, was terminated on September 20, 2022, over allegations of misconduct. P3

QUIT AS CM, NATH TO TELL GEHLOT

Else, he could be dropped as Gandhi family's pick for Congress prez

SHAHID FARIDI AND RAJESH ASHANI @ New Delhi/Jaipur

CONGRESS president Sonia Gandhi on Monday decided to depute senior party leader Kamal Nath to persuade Ashok Gehlot to resign from the post of Rajasthan CM before filing his nomination for the post of the party's national president.

Sources said Kamal Nath has been asked to convey to Gehlot that if he does not resign, he would not be supported by the party high command for presidentship. They said if Gehlot does not heed to Kamal Nath's message he may be asked not to file his nomination papers.

Kamal Nath, who flew in here from Bhopal on Monday, met Sonia at her residence. There was no clear word on whether he will fly to Jaipur to convey her message. Top Congress leaders told this paper that Gehlot's rebellion may not only cost him Congress presidentship but may also lead to his removal from the post of chief minister as he has refused to accept his former deputy Sachin Pilot as his successor.

He has conveyed to party leadership that he would not accept either Pilot or anyone from his camp. He said Pilot and the MLAs who had walked out with him to form a government with the help of the BJP are not acceptable to a large number of Congress MLAs.

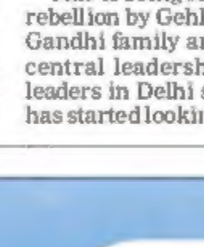
Kamal Nath's meeting with Gehlot is the party leadership's last-ditch attempt to seek Gehlot's compliance with its decision to hand over chief ministership to Pilot. Congress MLAs loyal to Gehlot had on Sunday refused to meet the party's central observers Ajay Maken and Mallikarjun Kharge. The central observers were sent to get the MLAs to pass a resolution authorising the Congress president to choose the next CM. MLAs in the Gehlot camp refused to sign the resolution. The party leadership in Delhi feels the MLAs avoided the central observers on the direction of Gehlot.

This is being seen as an open rebellion by Gehlot against the Gandhi family and the party's central leadership. Congress leaders in Delhi said the party has started looking for an alternative candidate for the post of Congress president. There are four days left for the nominations to close.

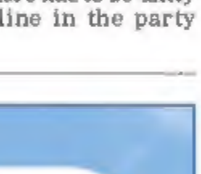
The CLP meeting, which was called on Sunday, had to be cancelled as more than 90 MLAs loyal to Gehlot threatened to resign. Gehlot loyalists Shanti Dhariwal and Chief Whip Mahesh Joshi are being seen by the high command as the key players in the drama.

Gehlot met Kharge on Monday afternoon. Before leaving for Delhi, Kharge said, "Everyone will have to be on the same page with Congress president's decision. There has to be unity and discipline in the party unit."

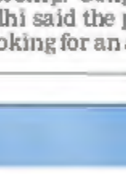
KEY PLAYERS IN THE RAJASTHAN DRAMA



ASHOK GEHLOT — CM. Tipped to be national president, but has angered Sonia Gandhi as he does not want Sachin Pilot to succeed him



SACHIN PILOT — High command's choice as the new chief minister of Rajasthan



C P JOSHI — Assembly Speaker. Gehlot wants him to be his successor as CM

MAHESH JOSHI & MAHENDRA CHAUDHARY — Cong chief whip Joshi and deputy chief whip. CM's loyalists. Joshi in Sonia's line of fire

SHANTI DHARIWAL — Gehlot loyalist. Calls Maken anti-Gehlot

RAJENDRA GUDHA — One of the six BSP-turned-Congress MLAs. On the fence

GOVIND SINGH DOTASRA — Jat leader and PCC chief. Gehlot's man

PRATAP SINGH KHACHARIYAWAS — Gehlot loyalist. Was close to Pilot before 2018

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE AND AJAY MAKEN — SENT TO JAIPUR BY SONIA FOR THE SMOOTH SUCCESSION AT SUNDAY'S CLP MEET; GEHLOT LOYALISTS BOYCOTTED IT

Smt. Droupadi Murmu
Hon'ble President of India

Inauguration
of
INTEGRATED CRYOGENIC ENGINE MANUFACTURING FACILITY (ICMF)
by
Smt. Droupadi Murmu
Hon'ble President of India
on
27th September 2022
HAL Aerospace Division, Bengaluru

Guests of Honour

Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot
Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka

Shri Rajnath Singh
Raksha Mantri

Shri Basavaraj Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- ICMF at HAL Aerospace Division is one of its kind facility with state-of-the-art equipment that will cater to the entire Rocket Engine manufacturing and assembly under one roof for ISRO.
- The facility is equipped with more than 70 Hi-tech equipment and test facilities for manufacturing Cryogenic (CE20) and Semi-cryogenic Engines (SE2000) of Indian Space Launch Vehicles.
- The facility will boost self-reliance in manufacturing of Hi-Thrust Rocket Engines.

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